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Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on March 16, 2005, please consider the following.

A Confirmation of Election in Response to Restriction Requirement appears on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required that Applicant elect for initial prosecution an invention defined by one of the following three groups of claims:

- I. **Claims 1-9 and 19**, drawn to a device for amplifying and detecting a target nucleic acid;
- II. **Claim 10-18 and 20**, drawn to a method of making a device for amplifying and detecting a target nucleic acid; and
- III. **Claims 21-31**, drawn to a method of chemically bonding a biomolecule to a solid support.

Applicant hereby confirms election of Group I, Claims 1-9 and 19 for initial prosecution.